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Marcia J. Van Note, DOD/IG, for
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Subj: General Accounting Office
(GAO) Letter Dated February 9,
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February 23, 1994



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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

General Accounting Office (GAO) Letter Dated SUBJECT:

February 9, 1994, "Records Management Procedures Dealing with Weather Balloon, Unknown Aircraft, and

Similar Crash Incidents (GAO Code 701034) --

NOTIFICATION OF GAO REVIEW

The DoD Directive 7650.2 designates this office as the central DoD liaison for tasking, controlling, and monitoring GAO survey, review, and report activities. The enclosed Information Sheet describes the specific DoD procedures for tasking GAO surveys/reviews and the DoD primary action office (PAO) responsibilities.

On February 15, 1994, we received the enclosed official GAO notification letter on the subject effort. The GAO National Security and International Affairs Division (National Security Analysis) is doing the work. The review is at the request of Representative Steven H. Schiff (R-NM).

Representative Schiff requested the GAO review two issues of concern (1) the DoD records management procedures for crash incidents involving weather balloons and unknown aircraft, such as UFOs and foreign aircraft, and (2) the facts regarding the reported crash of an UFO in 1949 at Roswell, New Mexico. Since the UFO story appeared in an episode of the television program "Unsolved Mysteries," Representative Schiff has received many requests for an investigation into the alleged "DoD cover-up." Apparently, reports on the incident were attributed to a weather balloon crash.

The GAO is anxious to respond to Representative Schiff's request and to dispel any concerns that the DoD is being unresponsive. For that reason, it is important that we identify the correct DoD representatives so that the GAO can begin its work. Since the enclosed GAO notification letter did not mention the Roswell incident or specifically site unknown aircraft as the area of interest, we have been unable to determine the appropriate DoD primary and collateral action offices.

We have scheduled an entrance meeting with the GAO for February 28, 1994, 10:00 a.m., 400 Army Navy Drive, Room 730, Arlington, VA. The entrance meeting should clarify the issues to the extent that a DoD primary action office can be identified.

Please provide the name and telephone number of your representative(s) for the entrance meeting as soon as possible to my action officer, Pattie Cirino, (703) 693-0214. If she is not available, I can be reached on the same number.

MARCIA J. Van Note

Director
GAO Surveys and Reviews

Enclosures: As stated

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Memo, with Indorsement
Vaughn E. Schlunz, SAF/FMPF, for
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Subj: GAO Review Letter Dated
February 15 [sic], 1994, "Records
Management Procedures . . .
February 24, 1994



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FROM: SAF/FMPF

SUBJECT: GAO Review Letter Dated February 15, 1994, "Records Management Procedures Dealing With Weather Balloon, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents", (GAO Code 701034) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

This memo is to advise you of the subject review and to request each organization indicated as OPR or OCR above to designate a Central Point of Contact (CPC). The CPC should return the indorsement immediately. This package is provided to other listed organizations as information. Air Force Regulation 11-8 applies.

The CPC should further assess the potential impact of the GAO review on the Air Force. If the assessment indicates the need, the CPC should brief the Deputy Chief of Staff and other officials, as appropriate.

An entrance meeting is scheduled for February 28, 1994, at 1000, in Room 730 at 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington VA. The SAF/FMPF point of contact is Mrs. Ann Cook, Room 4C228, extension 76051.

> VAUGHN E. SCALUNZ Director for Audit Liaison and Followup (Financial Management:

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.. DoD(IG) Memo, February 23, 1994

Indorsement

1st Indorsement

TO: SAF/FMPF, Room 4C228, Pentagon

SUBJECT: Central Point of Contact, GAO Code 701034

1. CPC Richard L. Weaver , Col ,SAF/AAZ ,5D972 ,3-2013 NAME GRADE OFC SYMBOL ROOM EXT.

Alt_Jeff Butler , Lt Col ,SAF/AAZ ,5D972 ,3-2013 NAME GRADE OFC SYMBOL ,ROOM EXT.

FAX Number 693-2059 ...

2. You will be notified of any changes in the above designees. SAF/AA focal point for all audits and inspections is Ms. Carolyn Lunsford, SAF/AAX, 697-9057, FAX 693-9763.

PIERRE JOUBERT, Colonel, USAF Director, Plans, Programs, & Budget Office of the Administrative Ass't

cc: SAF/AAZ SAF/AAIQ

Memo, with Addendum
Robert J. McCormick, SAF/AA, for
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Subj: GAO Review on Records
Management Procedures Dealing
with Weather Balloons, Unknown
Aircraft, and Similar Crash
Incidents ...
March 1, 1994



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

1 March 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: GAO Review on Records Management Procedures Dealing with Weather Balloons, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents (GAO Code 701034) - ACTION MEMORANDUM

References: (a) 23 Feb 94 DoD/IG Memorandum, Subj, same as above (b) 15 Feb 94 GAO Memorandum of Review Notification

The Department of Defense and other executive branch agencies are undergoing a review by the GAO concerning whether the US government has "met its responsibility in the handling, retention, and subsequent disposition of official records concerning the investigation and reporting of air vehicle and other crash incidents similar to the reported crash of a weather balloon near Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947". To fulfill the Air Force portion of this review, addressees, as applicable, are requested to:

(a) identify pertinent directives concerning records retention and disposition;

(b) identify pertinent directives concerning reporting air vehicle crashes, investigations, and wreckage/debris retention and disposition;

(c) identify any records (unclassified or classified) related to air vehicle (aircraft, lighter-than-aircraft, rocket/missile, or other) impacts or crashes in New Mexico from 20 June to 31 July 1947; identify record groups and/or other indexes associated with these records for further review; and

(d) provide copies of pertinent directives (including any changes of policies on retention and disposition) and records (i.e., item c above) to SAF/AAZ, 1720 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1720.

Please provide your responses (interim or final) by 14 Mar 94. Contact Col Weaver or Lt Col Butler at DSN 223-2013/7 or commercial (703) 693-2013/7 if there are any questions.

ROBERT J. McCORMICK Administrative Assistant

2 Attachments:

1. 23 Feb 94 DoD/IG Memo w/encl

2. GAO Issue/Scope/Approach

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16 March 1994

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FROM: SAF/AAZ

1720 Air Force Pentagon Washington DC 20330-1720

SUBJECT: GAO Review on Records Management Procedures Dealing with

Weather Balloons, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents (GAO

Code 701034) - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Reference: SAF/AA 1 Mar 94 Memorandum w/atch, Subj, same as above

SAF/AAZ has taken the lead for the Air Force in providing the GAO with all pertinent records and information related to the above subject. Part of this review will involve retrieving records, histories, reports of investigations, etc. related to sightings of unknown aerial objects/phenomena.

To insure that we have searched all applicable document holdings, request you research AFOSI histories for any records that might be relevant to the GAO review. Such records might have been created prior to the formal establishment of AFOSI, e.g., AAF/CIC or USA/CID records. Request you limit your search to holdings within your purview for the period Jan 1947 through Dec 1953.

Please contact me or Lt Col Butler at (703) 693-2013 if there are any questions on

this subject.

RICHARD L WEAVER, Col, USAF Director for Security and Special

\ Program Oversight

SAFAAZ

1 Attachment: SAF/AA 1 Mar Memorandum

> AFOS I (ADD ENDUM TO SAF/AA IMN294 TASKSE)

Memo, with Attachments
AF/IN for SAF/AA
Subj: GAO Inquiry into Records
Management Procedures Dealing
with Weather Balloons, Unknown
Aircraft, and Similar Crash
Incidents
March 14, 1994



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MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/AA WALLING FROM: AF/IN

SUBJECT:

GAO Inquiry into Records Management Procedures Dealing with Weather

Balloons, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents -

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

References:

(a) SAF/AA Memorandum, 1 Mar 94

(b) Telecon: Lt Col Butler/AAZ - Mr. Foley/INXA, 3 Mar 94

In response to references, the following information is provided--with answers keyed to ref a:

a. None.

b. None.

c. None, but see below for related material.

d. None.

Ref para c above. Although we possess no official records related to the subject matter, we do possess documents received from FOIA requesters that discuss the Roswell Incident which we think may be pertinent to the GAO inquiry:

- a. One is a FOIA request from Dr. Neal in California. It is of particular interest in that he claims to know of a physician in California who allegedly participated in the hands-on pathological examination of four alien bodies. (Atch 1). Dr. Neal does not identify the individual.
- b. There is a second document called "Synopsis of Roswell Incident." (Atch 2). In its recapitulation of the events that allegedly transpired on that day in Roswell, the synopsis cites several people who relate stories told to them by alleged eyewitnesses to the event.

We also attach a report from the National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC) at Wright-Patterson AFB OH, which summarizes its research, and that of others at WPAFB, into UFOs and the Roswell Incident (Atch 3). The NAIC report concludes that after exhaustive research there is no evidence of the existence of any relevant documents, flying saucer debris, or space aliens on WPAFB.

AF/IN's POC is Mr. M. J. Foley, x31664.

Attachments:

- 1. Dr. Neal's FOIA Letter
- 2. Synopsis of Roswell Incident
- 3. Summary of NAIC Research

RICHARD M. NEAL, JR., M.D., INC. OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY & INFERTILITY

February 5, 1993

Freedom of Information Act Request (5 U.S.C. 552)
Department of the Air Force
HQ USAF/DADF
Washington, DC 20380

RE: ALIEN HUMANOIDS/UFO'S

Dear Sirs:

As a physician I have done personal/private research in the field of Ufology for the past twenty years. Of great interest to me is the July 2, 1947 crash of an extra-terrestrial object in New Mexico.

Also of greater interest is the recovery of 4 alien bodies from this crash - a separate portion of the compartment/control room/craw cabin area was found several miles from the rest of the UFC debris. There has been rumors of post-mortem examinations being performed on these bodies.

The bodies were described as the body of a small humanoid, tan (or sunburned) in color, approximately the size of a ten year old boy, was examined at a laboratory of the Guggenheim Foundation then on 23rd Street in New York City. The pathological examination disclosed a human with a skeleton having two extra ribs on each side, whose flesh had a somewhat higher mineral content than we would consider normal and somewhat denser bones.

Reportedly, shortly after the discovery of this vehicle and its occupants - it prompted then President Harry S. Truman to appoint (on Sept. 18, 1947) a committee of twelve individuals - called the "Majestic-12" or MJ-12 to secure and study the crashed UFO debris and its occupants.

An important person - one of the MJ-12, was an individual named Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, a neurophysiologist. In June 1947 he was named a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Brookhaven National Laboratory; he subsequently became the sixth President of John Hopkins University in 1949. It is believed that Dr. Bronk was the medical director of a team that performed these pathological examinations of the aliens; his medical team would be restricted to a limited number of physicians - such as the following:

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- 1). Pathologist
- 2). Radiologist
- 3). Neurophysiologist (Dr. Bronk)
- 4). Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeon

Presently living in Southern California is one of the physicians who participated in this project. I must respect his confidentially and anonymity. He is in his mid to late 70's and is probably the last link (firsthand) to have experienced this research on the alien bodies in 1947.

In regards to any release of this subject matter, existence of this material/past research would not be exempt from mandatory disclosures under the FOIA because it would not/does not interfere with our national security nor knowledge of the above would give any other foreign country a military advantage.

Serious UFO researchers believe that the Air Force now wishes the American public, to know the truth, of the extra-terrestrial origin of the UFO phenomena, and thus are "leaking" some information out to various researchers.

Nationwide polls revealed that over 70% of our population believes in the extra-terrestrial theory; movies such as "E.T.", "Close Encounter of the Third Kind", "Hanger 18" and "Cocoon" are being released to cushion the public to the truth. Could the government/private corporation use subliminal suggestions in the above movies or possibly TV - To prepare this country eventually to the truth that UFO's and aliens exist.

Being in this field of research - specifically physiological and psychological effects suffered secondary to individuals who were allegedly abducted by aliens has increased my knowledge that we are definitely being visited by an alien race. I have enclosed for your review a brief synopsis of what occurred in and around Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947. Please review this information.

Why have I decided to write at this time This is the 45th year anniversary of UFO's - many lectures and seminars will be scheduled around the country to herald this event. Because of this, it is hopeful that through the FOIA someone sympathetic to our research efforts will release some "shocking" information for us to relay to the general public. It seems coincidental/ironic that the most prominent seminar was the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium on July 11-12, 1992 at the Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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PROJECT SIGMA

The project was originally established in 1954. Its mission was to establish communications with aliens. This project met with positive success (SIC) when in 1959, the United States established primitive communications with the aliens. On April 25, 1964, a USAF intelligence officer met two aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours. The Air Force officer managed to exchange basic information with the two aliens. The project is believed to be continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico.

I am respectfully requesting the following information:

- 1). An authentic photocopy of the "Majestic-12" (MJ-12) groups information - a 9 page document (1947).
- Any photocopies of pathological reports (post-mortem) 2). performed on the aliens in 1947 (comparative anatomy). Any authentic photocopies of aliens - full body
- 3). exposures; close-up photos, etc.
- Project Whirlwind a UFO study done at M.I.T. in 1949, then referred back to the Dept. of Defense.

Although I realize that the government is reluctant in giving out information, particularly to civilian researchers, my approach will continue to be positive and will have a optimistic outlook. While I might accurately anticipate some negative reactions to all this information (continued debunking) in the letter, I would nevertheless value your response.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Neal Jan. Richard M. Neal, Jr., M.D.

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Enclosures

SYNOPSIS OF ROSWELL INCIDENT

I am writing to request a clarification of the U.S. Government's current position concerning events which occurred in and around Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947.

According to newspaper accounts and eyewitness reports, a local rancher, William W. Brazel, discovered pieces of dibris from an object which crashed on the property he managed outside Corona, on or about July 2, 1947. He brought some of this material to the attention of Chaves County Sheriff George Wilcox, who called the Roswell Army Air Field. The base Intelligence Officer, Jesse A. Marcel, and a Counter Intelligence Corps Officer, Sheridan Cavitt, went to the ranch to inspect the material.

They discovered a great deal of lightweight debris which couldn't be cut, burned, or even dented with a sledgehammer. On orders from the base commander, Col. William Blanchard, the Public Information Officer, Walter G. Haut, issued a news release that the Amry Air Force had recovered

"Tying disc." Some of the debris was flown to Fort Worth, as where the Commander of the Eighth Air Force, Gen. Roger Ramey, identified the material for the press as the remains of a weather balloon and its radar target.

However, subsequent investigation has raised considerable doubt about the weather balloon explanation. For example:

- According to his son and neighbors, Brazel was held incommunicado by officials at the Roswell base for nearly a week, questioned extensively and ordered not to say anything about his experience; however, in a newspaper interview, he said that the material he recovered "did not in any way resemble a weather balloon," many of which he had recovered on his property.
- Sheriff Wilcox, to whom Brazel initially reported finding the debris, also was ordered by the military not to say anything, but members of his family say that not only did he see debris at the crash site he also saw four "space" beings," one of whom was alive. Moreover, his grand-daughter, Barbara Dugger, was told by her grandmother, Inez Wilcox, that the entire family was threatened with death by the military if they discussed the incident.
- The former manager of KGFL Radio in Roswell, Jud Roberts, says the station was threatened with loss of its license by government officials in Washington, DC, if it broadcast the story about the "flying saucer." In addition,

'rding to Lydia Sleppy, a secretary at KOAT Radio in Juderque, a wire transmission of the news story on the event was interrupted by a message something like: "CEASE TRANSMISSION. NATIONAL SECURITY ITEM."

- According to Brig. Gen. Thomas J. DuBose (USAF, ret.), who was Gen. Ramey's Chief of Staff, Maj Gen. Clements McMullen, the Deputy and Acting Commander, Strategic Air Command, at Andrews Army Air Field, ordered that some of the debris recovered on the ranch be brought directly to him in Washington. Gen. DuBose says officials at the Headquarters of the Eighth Air Force were directed to tell the press that the material was from a weather balloon radar target, and that the weather balloon explanation was a "cover story" to divert the attention of the press.
- The pilot who transported some of the wreckage, Oliver W. Henderson, said he saw the bodies of alien beings at the Roswell base, according to his widow, Sappho Henderson, his daughter, Mary Kathryn Groode, and his friend, John Kromschroeder.
- A mortician who worked for the funeral home in Roswell, Glenn Dennis, says an Army nurse friend told him about participating in the autopsies of three alien bodies at the base.

Therefore, I am formally requesting that you seek to determine whether the highly unusual material recovered near Corona was from a "flying disc," a weather balloon, or something else.

Please advise me, at your earliest opportunity, of the United States Government's *current* position on the nature of the material recovered outside Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947, and its current explanation for all official actions taken with respect to this event.

Sincerely,

SUMMARY OF HQ NAIC RESEARCH INTO THE ROSWELL INCIDENT, UNIDENTIFIED FLYING SAUCERS, AND PROJECT BLUE BOOK

PURPOSE. To summarize sources of information used in the HQ NAIC study of the 1947 Roswell incident. Allegations are that a flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) were found at the crash site and transported to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

BACKGROUND. In 1993, Congressman Steven Schiff from New Mexico began an investigation of the Roswell incident. Pursuant to that, a General Accounting Office auditor visited the HQ NAIC History Office to see what records were available within the center. Also, a local television station picked up the story. In addition to HQ NAIC records, the Historian visited other base archives to search for material.

FINDINGS.

- 1. A review of the HQ NAIC History Office and CIRC holdings, plus other base and USAF Museum archives, encompassing several million pages of documents, did not turn up any reference to the Roswell incident or the presence of flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) at the base.
- 2. An electronic search of the Air Force Historical Research Agency archives, again, several million pages of documents, did not turn up any reference to the Roswell incident or the presence of flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) at Wright-Patterson AFB.
- 3. A review of the <u>Dayton Daily News</u> for July 1947, all of the UFO-related material available in the Dayton, Centerville, and Woodbourne Public Libraries, as well as information in the Wright State University holdings and material in the AFIT, Base Technical Library, and Base Library did not turn up any conclusive evidence that flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) had ever been at Wright-Patterson.
- 4. Conversations with a dozen people who had worked in the Project Blue Book office or with Blue Book materials did not turn up any evidence that there had ever been a flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) at Wright-Patterson.
- 5. Over the years, there have been several congressional investigations of this organizations study of UFO reports. None has ever turned up evidence of a flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) at Wright-Patterson.
- 6. All of this organization's UFO study files were transferred to the National Archives and made available to the public.

CONCLUSIONS.

- 1. Concerted research has failed to turn up any evidence relating to the Roswell incident or of a flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) at Wright-Patterson. Because this conclusion is based on the absence of documentation, the issue can never be definitively resolved. There will always be those who say "You didn't search hard enough" or "We know you really do have the records/saucer(s)/alien(s), but you are just not revealing them to us." It would almost be a physical impossibility to search every desk drawer in every building on Wright-Patterson looking for the report, if it ever existed, on Roswell-related material. HQ NAIC is convinced that no such record currently exists.
- 2. Because no document has ever been found, however, leads center researchers to the conclusion that the Roswell material, if it came to Wright-Patterson for analysis, was nothing remarkable, certainly nothing extraterrestrial. The standard procedure for any government record is that it is kept for some period of time, then retired or destroyed according to a general schedule established by regulation. One might assume that a document purporting to be the true analysis of extraterrestrial material would always be needed and, thus, would have been preserved.
- 3. Because the Roswell incident occurred so long ago, now nearly 50 years ago, there may be no record trail to follow to absolutely determine if a study had ever been conducted.
- 4. Despite the best efforts of UFO researchers over the years, not one scrap of physical evidence or one incontestable photograph of either a flying saucer or an alien has ever been found relating to the Roswell incident. Some researchers have devoted years of their lives to this effort. Again, using an argument based on the absence of evidence, the fact that several hundred man-years of effort have followed all of the research trails imaginable leads HQ NAIC to believe that nothing extraterrestrial was found at Roswell.
- 5. The earliest UFO literature, books by Ruppelt, Keyhoe, and Menzel do not mention the Roswell incident. Also, the Blue Book records and the Condon report do not mention the Roswell incident, though many sightings from 1947 were investigated by this organization's predecessors.
- 6. HQ NAIC realizes that the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence, but every reasonable avenue of research has been exhausted without finding evidence that a flying saucer(s) and/or alien(s) have ever been at Wright-Patterson AFB.
- 7. Because the GAO will have searched the records of many federal agencies, HQ NAIC suggests that they be contacted, or Congressman Schiff be contacted, for a comprehensive report of their findings relating to the Roswell incident.

SUGGESTED READING.

Blue Book Special Report 14 and the Project Sign and Project Grudge reports. These primary documents should have been part of this organization's UFO study files and currently available through the National Archives.

The UFO Controversy in America, David Michael Jacobs. Contains a comprehensive review of documents belonging to this organization's UFO study files.

The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, Edward Ruppelt. Ruppelt was the UFO study project officer from 1951-1953 and he investigated a series of reports from 1947. He found nothing, apparently, about the Roswell incident.

The UFO Experience, J. Allen Hynek. Written by the chief scientific advisor to this organization for UFO studies. Associated with Sign/Grudge/Blue Book from 1948-1969, he found nothing, apparently, about the Roswell incident.

<u>Flying Saucers: Top Secret</u>, Donald Keyhoe. Keyhoe helped establish NICAP and was one of the earliest to allege that the government was withholding UFO "secrets" from the public. He found nothing, apparently, about the Roswell incident.

<u>Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force</u>, Lawrence Tacker. States the official Air Force position as of 1960 and includes earlier Air Force statements about UFOs.